

## SIC 'EM PARSON SIC 'EM PRIEST

Archbishop Guigley of Chicago Urges  
That the State Should Support  
Catholic Schools.

SAVS "LIBERALISM IS THE FOE."

The Herald and Presbyter (Presbyterian) makes a lot of noise, hinting at a public demand for investigation into the questionable and inefficient method of instruction in parochial schools.

Neither of these holy haters pay taxes, but permit distillers, saloonkeepers and widows to pay a large part of their share of the public burdens.

Archbishop Guigley said in an address before the Roman Catholic Women's League of Chicago:

The new world was discovered by Catholics and the cross was planted in the name of the church. We can not get it out of our heads that Catholics will yet claim the new world again.

He declared that the severity of the National constitution increases proportionately with the increase of the number of Catholics. He urged the establishment of a subsidiary system of public schools for the benefit of Catholics to be paid for by the state, but controlled by the church.

He also urged the state to provide funds for public school training to be they had no other means of support.

"The supreme and fundamental error of the age is liberalism," urged the archbishop. "Liberalism declares that the state and church are enemies."

The education of the child, he added, should rest with the church, not with the state. He declared that the state should not interfere with the church's right to educate.

Underlying through the school system to prevent the children from becoming firmly cemented to their church, and to keep the Catholic church from getting a stronger foothold. They are sure to do so in violation of justice to their ends."

To the above, the Herald and Presbyter replies as follows:

It is just as good as if an infidel had done it.

A Roman Catholic Pre for State Aid.

The Roman Catholic pre for this country are beginning to grow bold in asserting their right to aid from the state in maintaining their church schools, and have become more bold in their ideas as to their importance, and as to their probable success in securing money from the state treasury.

They are found in rather large proportions in Boston, New York and Chicago, and are ready at any moment to push their claims with hot clamor.

As yet it is only by indirect and backhanded methods that the Roman Catholics have succeeded, to any extent, in extracting money from the state treasury.

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furnish criminals far out of proportion to their population.

A church which can not hold its own and maintain itself and its institutions in this country, where all creeds are accorded equal rights and full protection, is a very inadequate concern.

The American people are not likely to be in a mood to be safely trifled with in this matter. The French Republic has recently shown what a people is sometimes compelled to do in dealing with Roman Catholic institutions.

Orders that were carrying on their schools were found to be hostile to the government and to be teaching and breeding rebellion in the minds of the children. It became necessary to expel these orders and close up their schools. The French Republic was in jeopardy.

These same orders are at work in our own country. It may be absolutely necessary to open their schools in this country to the supervision of our authorities, in order to see that they do not provide harmful instruction.

The intellectual training is confessedly poor. The moral training is deficient. The teachers who were dangerous to France are doubtless a danger to our own institutions.

Rome wishes to be paid for carrying on such schools. It should be enough for them that their schools are tolerated. It is no part of our province to support our public schools and to pay for Roman Catholic schools in addition.

Protestantism inconsistent.

The Herald and Presbyter sticks right out and tells some plain wholesome truths to the Liberator. It is just as inconsistent as the Catholicism, just as much of a grabber and a puller as the Catholicism.

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## SLAYS WIFE AND SELF

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IAC BEFORE BABY'S EYES

A. J. Bolks, Crazed by Irresponsible  
Teachings, Slashes Women to  
Pieces and Slays Himself.

(From Los Angeles Express)

Crazed with a religious frenzy attributed to his belief in the teachings of the man-making mountebank, Winters, A. J. Bolks, formerly of Sioux City, Ia., butchered his wife on an early hour this morning, and after venting upon her helpless body all the fury of a frenzied fanatic, he slashed and died in the sleeping room they occupied in the house of Mrs. Slaughter at 606 E. Thorne street.

At 1:30 this morning Bolks had dragged his sleeping wife from her bed to the floor, stamped upon her and repeatedly plunged into her body the blood of a man who had been told he had bought only a few days before.

After slaying the woman's throat and stabbing her in the abdomen and various parts of the body the crazed man then turned upon himself and with his jagged and bloody knife he slashed and mangled on the bed.

The room where the tragedy was enacted slept with his parents the youngest of their five children. This little boy of 4 was awakened by the tumult, and his baby eyes opened wide in wonder at the scene he could see through the open door.

He saw his father standing over his mother, and his baby hand stood still in the dim light of the night lamp that was being done, and then his baby voice was raised in a scream, awoke all the sleepers in the house.

Beheld a Fearful Sight.

In an adjoining room slept the mother of the slain woman, especially when she was awakened by the screams they undertook to give her.

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can cure mamma. Instead of asking for a doctor this little boy's first thought was to call upon the man his father, and his mamma had considered divine."

Comment.—The above has been sent me by Dr. E. E. Bates of California, asking me to print it with my comments.

I hardly know what to say about it. Just such cases are occurring in this country all the time.

A later account says that the villain Winters, had gotten a large amount of money from folks, who was a rich man.

This same thing is being done all the time by all preachers.

They are all simply scheming to get money without working for it and they all know they are lying and robbing the people who are fools enough to pay their money.

But under the laws of this country, and probably justly, we cannot abridge a man's religious liberty, though, doubt, and always have whether the law should allow a man to get money for preaching or praying, which is certainly "getting money under false pretenses."

If religion were simply a piece of silly superstition, an infidel commu- nity would be a place of which this sort are continually being perpe- trated by religious people and no body ever heard of an infidel doing a thing like that.

If, I, infidel editor, were to murder my wife and child, it would not be printed in every prominent paper in America because nobody expects infidels to do anything like that, but a Christian does that under religious frenzy, and it is such a common and natural thing that though we had eluded since it was done I had not heard of it in any of the big dailies that I am so encouraged and prob- ably never would have heard of it if an infidel had not sent me the clip- ping.

Preachers don't care for the crime that their preaching induces. They really are running an advertisement for the others work the religious rab- bles—yes, I forgot my old friend Joshua Levering, who has been a part of them for some time.

People will just run over each other to get to hear Winters, especially when he is preaching.

Of course after Winters nor any other preacher can influence intelligent people, but there is no good reason why a villain like Winters should not be arrested and punished as severely as the fact to the murder of that woman.

Right here in Lexington the non- sense of Mr. Judge C. S. French because so deranged under the preaching of G. O. Barnes that he effected a suicide by leaping from the roof of his house.

Another good woman in Lexington, became so deranged from reading a religious tract she killed her child and had to be sent to an asylum.

Religion is doing more harm than anything else in the world, and all good men and women ought to do all they can to get rid of it.

These assassins in Kentucky are not only all Christians, but they commit many of their murders at churches.

Nobody ever heard of an infidel assassin.

Rome Con-  
Gress Fund

It is the desire that Dr. J. B. Wilson represent American Free-Thinkers at the World's Congress of Free-Thinkers to be held in Rome, Italy, next September.

Dr. Wilson is president of the National Liberal Party and is eminently qualified to participate in the deliberations at the Congress.

His return from Rome the Doctor will write a book embracing the Congress and proceedings of the Congress, and it is his purpose to speak of the Doctor's veracity and ability to write such a book.

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## CON- TIN- NOT

INFIDELS TO CONSIDER MR.  
HEARST'S CANDIDACY FOR  
PRESIDENT?

The Blade takes no part in politics of any kind except as connected with religion.

It is opposed to Roosevelt, because he seems to be posing all the time, as a priest, and is pandering to the Catholics for their support and called "Papa's little atheist."

I printed, some time ago, in the Blade a number of expressions from Hearst that seemed to indicate that he had a very kindly feeling for infidels. We are all proud that Jefferson and Lincoln, the greatest two presidents of America, were infidels and it seems to me that if Hearst has any leaning one way that he is willing to put into any tangible expression we ought to recognize it.

I think there is no doubt that Hearst is going to be a candidate for president, and put \$2,000,000 in the campaign.

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"THE DAMNED THING CALLED ALCOHOL"

I believe that alcohol, to a certain degree, demoralizes those who make it, those who sell it, and those who drink it.

I believe from the time it issues from the coldest and poisonous worm of the distillery until it empties into the hell of crime, death and dishonor, it demoralizes everybody that touches it.

I do not believe that anybody can contemplate the subject without being coming prejudiced against this liquid crime.

All you have to do is to think of the deaths—the suicides, of the insanity, of the poverty, of the ignorance, of the distress, of the little children tugging at the faded dresses of weeping and despairing wives, asking for bread; of the man of genius it has wrecked; of the millions who have struggled with imaginary serpents produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the prisons, and of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man be prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

"Keep Church and State forever separate"—Grant.  
"In no sense whatsoever is this government founded upon the Christian religion"—Washington.  
"The divorce between Church and State should be absolute"—Garfield.

TRAY ALMOST FOOLED GOD.

Somebody told me a good one:  
A little boy saw a big dog out of doors and came in and told his mother that he had seen a lion.

The mother said to him: "Now my son you know that was nothing but a big dog, and you must go up stairs and say your prayers, and ask God to tell you what you must come and tell me."

The boy went up stairs and returning in a few minutes said: "Mama, I asked God and he said he thought Tray was a lion himself when he first saw him."

That boy ought to be educated for the ministry.

## CRIMINAL

MRS. EMILY VARDEN WITH \$800  
YEARLY ALIMONY.

Dr. George Varden Exonerated by the  
Court of Charge of Cruel and  
Inhuman Treatment.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 18.—(Special).—Mrs. Emily Green Varden, the beautiful and talented young wife of the Rev. George Varden, of Paris, Ky., was granted a divorce here today by Judge Walter Parker in the Fayette Circuit Court.

The petition for divorce was filed by Mrs. Varden about a year ago, she alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. In granting the divorce Judge Parker stated that the testimony no evidence had been produced sustaining the allegations in the petition, and he exonerated Dr. Varden of the charge made by his wife.

Mrs. Varden was also allowed \$800 a year alimony for the support of herself and two children. The couple were married several years ago. Mrs. Varden returned to the home of her parents in Paris, Ky., two years ago, and later filed suit for the divorce. The court still maintains charge of the children, but leaves them in care of the mother, and will allow the lawyers for both sides to agree as to the time in which the father will be allowed to see them and if the attorneys fail to reach an agreement Judge Parker will himself set apart a day in each month for Dr. Varden to be with his children.

Comment.—The charge against Rev. Varden was abusive treatment of his wife. Judge Parker, in granting the divorce said the defendant may have been a man of faith and temperance, but there is no testimony to show that he was cruel or inhuman, or that he was guilty of the charge of a cruel and inhuman treatment of his wife.

The testimony the Court said that he would absolve the defendant from the allegations of being a wife beater, a profane swearer, and a slow only man.

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W. B. PARSONS.

Comment.—Dr. W. B. Parsons is a religious and faithful worker. All of you who have any of Paine's works for free distribution please communicate with him.







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